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PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 15966-697(CURA-197)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Vernet *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/800,198 EXAMINER: Fozia M. Hamud
FILING DATE: March 5, 2001 ART UNIT: 1647
FOR: NOVEL HUMAN PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Non-Final Office Action, mailed September 27, 2002 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 27, 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00 (#15891), in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-697 (CURA-197). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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